1	2	3	4	5	6
23.	Rajasthan	44.6	32.2	45.9	34.9
24.	Sikkim	38.0	37.5	44.3	36.9
25.	Tamil Nadu	51.3	39.3	52.8	41.8
26.	Tripura	30.3	29.5	32.3	29.8
27.	Uttarakhand@			47.4	33.2
28.	Uttar Pradesh	34.5	30.4	37.1	33.1
29.	West Bengal	34.9	35.0	37.9	38.4
30.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	37.1	42.2	44.2	37.9
31.	Chandigarh	63.5	35.1	38.8	34.3
32.	D & N Haveli	47.0	40.4	51.6	45.2
33.	Daman & Diu	50.3	37.6	40.2	41.5
34.	Lakshadweep	28.5	30.8	37.9	27.4
35.	Puducherry	42.5	35.2	46.1	34.3
	ALL INDIA	41.7	33.7	43.9	36.5

@State was not created.

Child Labourers

†1733. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of child labourers currently working in country;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of child labourers has increased over past three years;

(c) the types of welfare Schemes operational for child labourers currently; and

(d) the total amount spent on these schemes in last three years, and State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Census is the only source of authentic data about the number of child labour in the country. As per the Census 2001, the total number of economically active children in the age group of 5-14 years is 1.26 crores. The Comparative data on the number of working children in the last three years is not maintained.

(c) For the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work, Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme in 250 districts of the country. Under the NCLP Scheme, children withdrawn from work are put in special schools where they are provided education, nutrition, vocational training, stipend and regular health check-up so as to prepare them to join the mainstream education system.

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In addition, Government is also implementing the INDUS Project in 21 districts of the country. It is a joint project of Government of India and US Department of Labour. It is based on NCLP Scheme with certain additional features like Vocational Training for adolescents in the age group of 14-17 years. In addition to these Projects, Government is also implementing the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations in the districts, which are not covered under NCLP/INDUS Projects.

(d) The expenditure incurred on implementation of various Schemes aimed to rehabilitate child labour during the last three years has been given in the statement.

Statement

Expenditure under various schemes implemented by Child Labour Division during last three financial years

1. National Child Labour Project Scheme Including Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Agencies

Year	Actual expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	83.09
2005-06	102.31
2006-07	110.52

2. Indo-US Matching Grant (Now Renamed as Indus Project) (Project was launched on 16.02.2004)

Year	Actual expenditure (Rs. in crores)
2004-05	10
2005-06	12.74
2006-07	10.81

Introducing institutional changes in child labour law

†1734. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total elimination of child labour is not possible without introducing institutional changes in the existing law;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has been receiving suggestions/ complaints from various experts for comprehensive improvement in the said law, the details in this regard;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering to bring a new act to do away the above shortcomings; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits

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